

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

Requirements for PLSIT Examination

REQUIREMENTS:

You must have a high school diploma or a GED. ***A COPY OF YOUR DIPLOMA OR GET MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.***

You must have a four year surveying degree.

At the present time, East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN is the only college in Tennessee which offers the four year surveying degree program. However, degrees from out of state ABET accredited institutions will be considered.

OR

You must have obtained a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the Board, plus an additional 24 semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences.

OR

You must have obtained a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying related curriculum of four or more years, approved by the Board, plus an additional 36 semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences.

APPLICATIONS:

The applicant must submit an application with a fee of \$25.00 to be reviewed by the Board for approval or disapproval. If the application is approved, the Board will notify you of the time and place of the examination.

All applications (new AND retakes) must be received in the board office by January 15 to be reviewed for the April examination and by July 15 for the October examination. ***IF YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT IN OUR OFFICE BY JANUARY 15 OR JULY 15, THEN YOUR APPLICATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE HELD FOR THE NEXT EXAM REVIEW.***

Tennessee Surveying Exam registration

How do I register?

You must first apply to the [Tennessee board](#) for approval to sit for the exam. Visit [the board's website](#) for the appropriate forms, instructions, and fee information. After the board has notified you of your approval, register online with NCEES to reserve your seat for the exam. You will not be required to pay additional exam fees when registering through the NCEES website.

Exam authorization

NCEES will e-mail you 2-3 weeks before the exam with a link to download and print your exam authorization notice. Read it carefully. You will be required to present this document along with a valid, government-issued photo ID upon arrival at the exam site.

Results

NCEES will email you your results of the FS and PS portions 8–10 weeks after the exam date. The board will notify you of your TS exam results by email at the same time.

OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS:

Tennessee does not have reciprocity with any state at the present time, but if an applicant has taken the 8-hour NCEES FS examination in another state and passed, and his qualifications prove favorable to the Board, he/she will be designated as a PLSIT without further examination. In order to progress to full licensure, the applicant who has the PLSIT designation must meet the requirements per TCA 62-18-109(b)(1).

An application is sent to each applicant upon request. This package contains full instructions on how to fill out the application completely before submitting it to the Board for review.

Applicants who fail the examination two or more time must complete a re-take form and have it approved by the Board before they will be allowed to take the exam again [TCA 62-18-111(b)].

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005, ANY INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS FOR LICENSURE, IF AFTER TWO YEARS FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF THE APPLICATION THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT PASSED THE REQUIRED TESTING, MUST WAIT ONE YEAR BEFORE SUBMITTING ANOTHER NEW AND COMPLETE APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE.

APPLICANTS APPROVED TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION:

Applicants will be notified in writing of their approval and \$125.00 examination fee required. The applicant is notified in a timely manner regarding the date, time and location of the FS examination.

Examination dates are determined by the NCEES and Tennessee adheres to these dates.

EXAMINATIONS:

Examinations are given in April and October.

The NCEES Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FS) examination is currently given on Saturday.

If the applicant fails the FS examination, he/she must take that portion of the exam again and pass in order to receive recognition as PLSIT, and another exam fee will be required.

STUDY MATERIAL FOR THE EXAMINATION:

NCEES – For specific information about the examination and for a study guide, contact:

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
Publications Department
P.O. Box 1686
Clemson, SC 29633-1686
864-654-6824, Ext. 233
800-250-3196
Fax: 864-654-6033

You may also visit their web site at www.NCEES.org and select the **Students** link on the home page. On the **Students** page, select the **Fundamentals Examination** link and then view **Study Guides** and **NCEES Land Surveyor Task and Knowledge Statements**.